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CALTRANS EXPANDS REACH OF HIGHWAY INFORMATION NUMBER TO LAS VEGAS

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced a major expansion of the coverage area for the California Highway Information Network (CHIN), its toll-free telephone service that provides the latest information about highway conditions throughout the Golden State.

Beginning today, motorists in the 702 area code covering southern Nevada, including Las Vegas, will be able to access the CHIN by dialing 1- 800-427-7623.

“The expanded service will allow motorists in Las Vegas and the surrounding areas - especially Californians returning home from southern Nevada on weekends - to get the latest road conditions on the Golden State’s highway system,” said Mike Perovich, District Director, San Bernardino. “If there are delays, motorists can adjust their plans and save time, especially when the winter weather turns worse.”

The CHIN system already can be accessed from Reno and the Nevada portion of Lake Tahoe, in addition to the entire state of California.

More than 5 million callers dialed in to the CHIN system last year. Since the number was established in 1994 more than 62 million requests for highway condition information have been handled.

Caltrans recently added safety messages and Amber Alerts to its highway information number, becoming the first state transportation department in the nation to provide this feature.

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